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1. The Czechs have begun the excavation of pipeline trenches in the Breclav (P 49/S 76), Jihlava (O 51/M 61), and Bratislava areas.
2. They are reportedly producing a sizable quantity of 20 cm. and 30 cm. steel pipe which could be utilized in pipelines.
3. These observations would indicate that the Czechs may intend to construct a new pipeline system for handling petroleum products received in the Bratislava area.
4. During World War II, the Germans established a 20 cm. pipeline along the Most (N 51/F 12)-Slany (N 51/F 50)- Prague route. This line was extended through Cesky Brod (O 51/M 08) to Kolin, where a gasoline cracking plant is located. The Germans also suggested that petroleum cracking and other processing installations in the Kolin and Prague areas might be supplied directly from Bratislava. However, this plan was not carried out.
5. The Czechs may be planning to extend the Most-Kolin system with a 30 cm. line along the Kolin-Jihlava-Breclav-Bratislava route. The purpose of the Kolin-Bratislava section of the line would be to provide for the direct forwarding of Hungarian and Rumanian oil products brought to Bratislava via Danube shipping.

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